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In the Claims

Pursuant to Examiner's claims rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), Applicant hereby submits amended claims, including a
5 complete listing of all claims in the application with the status of each claim in parentheses.

1. A tamper resistant lid for containers comprising:
~~comprising,~~

10 a lid having a peripheral skirt forming an annulus that fits on the rim of a container;

said lid having a plurality of equally spaced slots around
said skirt;

a resistant tear strip secured to a peripheral edge of said
15 skirt on said lid by a thin section of material forming a hinge;

said tear strip being hinged on said lid to fold upward;

said tear strip formed of a plurality of tabs;

one or more spurs on each tab constructed to fold beneath a
flange around the rim of said container, said spurs being
20 constructed and arranged to engage said slots in said skirt,
each of said spurs having a latch mechanism for securely
retaining said tamper resistant tear strip on said lid;

whereby said one or more spurs securely holds said lid on
said container to protect against tampering with the contents of
25 said container.

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2. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 1 in which said one or more spurs comprises at least two of said spurs on each of said tabs.

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3. (canceled).

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5. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 2 4 in which said spurs have a stepped edge forming latches that resist prying said lid off said container.

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6. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 5 in which said annulus on said lid has a pair of surfaces that mate with surfaces on said container to provide a secure seal both inside and outside container.

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7. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 6 in which one of said pair of surfaces in said annulus mates with an inside surface of said container for guiding said container onto said lid.

8. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 7 in

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which another of said pair of surfaces in said annulus mates with a surface around a flange on the rim of said container.

9. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 8 in
5 which said another of said pair of surfaces in said annulus includes a peripheral ridge for engaging a lower edge of said flange around said rim of said container for securely locking said lid on said container.

10 10. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 2 in which said tabs around the periphery of said lid are curved to abut and engage an outer surface of said container when said tamper resistant tear strip is folded down around the rim of said container.

15 11. The tamper resistant lid according to Claim 10 in which there are a pair of spurs formed on each tab of said tamper resistant tear strip, each of said spurs having a latch for engaging a lower peripheral edge of said flange on said
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